

CIPCO Comments to ET 02-98 (Allocation of 135.7-137.8 kHz Band to Amateur Operations)

Allocation of this band to amateur operations introduces the potential to interfere with power line carrier (PLC) operations. Based on the type of PLC scheme used, this could result in unnecessary opening of power lines when there is no fault, or failure to open a line when there IS a fault. In either case, this could result in unnecessary outages, and in extreme cases could cause cascading outages over a large geographical area. The danger of this happening increases as lines continue to become more heavily loaded.

Central Iowa Power Cooperative is opposed to this portion of the proposed rulemaking.